

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

PS – PR&RD Department, - Irregularities in award of price adjustment on material/pipes procured etc., in Rural Water Supply (Projects) at Poduru and other habitations in West Godavari District – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, West Godavari District, under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT(VIG.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 65**

**Dated.22.01.2015**

Read the following:

- 1.From the GA (V&E) Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/10), Dt.01.04.2014.
- 2.From the GA (V&E) Appraisal Report No.17(225/V&E/E2/11), Dt.26.07.2014.

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**ORDER:**

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, West Godavari District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure II and III).

3. Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, West Godavari District, is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, West Godavari District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, West Godavari District, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, West Godavari District, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, West Godavari District, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the order be acknowledgment.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, West Godavari District, **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Hyderabad.

The Engineer in Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Hyderabad. (with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Government,)

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## **ANNEXURE - I**

### **STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.GOPALA KRISHNA, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, KOVVURU (FROM 12.06.2006 TO 16.07.2008) AND SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RWS CIRCLE, ELURU(FROM 14.06.2008 TO 25.02.2009) .**

#### **CHARGE1:**

That Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru has purchased HR plates and MS wire rods prior to date of agreement i.e., Thus he violated the Agreement Clause 4.6.

#### **BASIS:**

As per Appraisal Report of General Administration(V&E) Department Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/2010)-(ELURU), dt.1.4.2014, Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, has purchased HR Plates and MS wire rods well in advance in the months of May 2006 & July 2006 prior to the date of agreement i.e., 16.12.2006 keeping in view of increasing price day by day and evaluation of price escalation for the same is totally irrelevant and misinterpretation of the Agreement Clause 4.6 that the clause of price escalation is applicable only when the work is in progress as per the original program schedule and that the price variation will be arrived on the material purchased during the progress of work. However, the price of the entire material in respect of 400mm dia BWSC Pipe was Procured at lesser Price (Invoice rate) than estimated rate and hence price variation based on the raw material cost in respect of the Plates and MS Wire rods does not arise. Further the above Executive Engineer while working as Superintending Engineer has approved the price variation without considering the invoice rate which is lesser is not appropriate. Instead of effecting price reduction of Rs.4,44,902 /- he has paid an amount of Rs.52,73,056/- based on the raw material cost which is the against the norms. Sri.V.Gopala Krishna while working as Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Eluru has approved the price adjustment at his level, though not competent i.e., the price adjustment shall have to be approved by the Chief Engineer/ Engineer in Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Hyderabad.From this it is evident that he has shown Gross Negligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

#### **CHARGE2:-**

That sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru has failed to maintained the basic records for arriving price.

#### **BASIS:-**

As per the General Administration(V&E) Department Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/2010)-(ELURU), dt.1.4.2014, Sri V.Gopala Krishna, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Kovvuru, has failed to maintain the basic records for arriving price variation i.e., QC offer letters as exhibited in case of HDPE pipes of 160mm dia of length 7596.00 Rm & BWSC 400mm dia pipes for lengths of 972.4RM & 1803.6RM and also failed furnish the records during inspection of Vigilance & Enforcement.

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- a) Evidence letter to the non availability of stock of 7610 Rmt of 160mm dia HDPE pipes with manufacturer as on 08.07.2007.
- b) Correspondence letters with the executing agency regarding to the non availability of stock of 7610 Rmt of 160mm dia HDPE pipes with manufacturer as on 08.07.2007.
- c) QC offer letter for 7596 Rmt of 160mm dia HDPE pipes on 03.09.2007.
- d) QC offer letters for BWSC 400mm dia pipes for lengths of 972.4RM & 1803.6RM (Lengths of BWSC finished pipes as per invoices are not tallying with reference to QC cleared lengths).

From this it is evident that he has shown Gross Negligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**ANNEXURE - II**

**LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.GOPALA KRISHNA, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, KOVVURU (FROM 12.06.2006 TO 16.07.2008) AND SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY CIRCLE, ELURU(FROM 14.06.2008 TO 25.02.2009) .**

Govt Memo.No.7905/Vig.I/2014-3, dt.19.07.2014 of PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept  
along with Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/2010)-(ELURU),  
dt.1.4.2014 of General Administration (V&E) Department.

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**ANNEXURE - III**

**LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES ARE FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.GOPALA KRISHNA, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, KOVVURU (FROM 12.06.2006 TO 16.07.2008) AND SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY CIRCLE, ELURU(FROM 14.06.2008 TO 25.02.2009)**

- NIL -

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